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# Office Action Summary

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☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on Mar 15, 1999

☐ This action is **FINAL**.

☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11; 453 O.G. 213.

A shortened statutory period for response to this action is set to expire three month(s), or thirty days, whichever is longer, from the mailing date of this communication. Failure to respond within the period for response will cause the application to become abandoned. (35 U.S.C. § 133). Extensions of time may be obtained under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

## Disposition of Claims

☒ Claim(s) 13-17 is/are pending in the application.

Of the above, claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.

☒ Claim(s) 13-17 is/are rejected.

☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.

☐ Claims \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction or election requirement.

## Application Papers

☐ See the attached Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948.

☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to by the Examiner.

☐ The proposed drawing correction, filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is ☐ approved ☐ disapproved.

☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

## Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d).

☐ All ☐ Some\* ☐ None of the CERTIFIED copies of the priority documents have been  
☐ received.

☐ received in Application No. (Series Code/Serial Number) \_\_\_\_\_.

☐ received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\*Certified copies not received: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e).

## Attachment(s)

☒ Notice of References Cited, PTO-892

☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s), PTO-1449, Paper No(s). \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Interview Summary, PTO-413

☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948

☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application, PTO-152

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(1) The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless --

(2) (b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

(3) Claims 13,15 and 17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Han<sup>u</sup>gwitz (4,961,811).

Han<sup>u</sup>gwitz relates to an affixable-detectable paper sheet and hence, a temporary posting adhesive-coating sticker. The article comprises a sheet of paper, which is opaque, flexible material having a first and second area. The first one is partially coated with an adhesive coating and the second area is substantially free from said adhesive coating. The paper is provided with a weakened tear line, such as cut scores or perforation across the sheet facilitate removal. The cut score line or perforation would inherently provide for a notched section at the end points to facilitate tearing. As shown in the drawing, the weakened tear line separates the first area from the second area.

(4) Claims 15 and 17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Holmberg (4,590,109).

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Holmberg relates to paper sheet with reusable adhesive along an edge thereof and cut line provided in the adhesive area. The cut line facilitates removal of the sheet and is located, in its entirety, within one area. A notch is inherently provided at the end points of the cut line slit to assist tear origination.

(5) Claims 14 and 16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Holmberg (4,447,481).

Holmberg relates to paper sheet with a strip of reusable adhesive and at one line of perforations that traverses both the adhesive section and the adhesive free section as shown in figure 5. The provision of a notch at the end points of the tear line is inherent thereof to provide for a starting point of tear.

(6) Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Nasser Ahmad whose telephone number is (703) 308-4424. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday from 8:30 AM to 6:00 PM. The examiner can also be reached on alternate Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ellis Robinson, can be reached on (703)308-2364. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (703) 305-3599.


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Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-0661.

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